1	2	3
8	Bhiwani	289
9	Sonepat	275
10	Faridabad	177
11	Gurgaon	244
12	Rewari	216
13	Mohindergarh	207
14	Hissar	378
15	Sirsa	237
16	Jind	194
	TOTAL	4226

Remaining villages are plan to b- covered by March 1997.

Postal Facileties in Haryana

859. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of post offices of various categories/ grades in Haryana separtely and whether Government propose to upgrade/open new post offices as demanded by the public; and

(b) what are the plans for extension/modernisation of the postal facilities tn Haryana with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of post offices of different categories in the State of Haryana is 2584. The details of whic h are given below:—

H.adPostOfficjs	15
D ;nartmental Sub Post Offices.	447
Extra departmental sub-post offices.	14
Extra deptll. branch post offices.	2108

It is proposed to upgrade/open 12 post office under Annual Plan 1994-95 in the State of Haryana, subject to fulfilment of Departmental norms.

(b) Sixty multi-purpose counter machines have been provided in twenty post offices in the State of Haryana.

A focussed programme for modernising one post office, namely Sadar Bazar, Ambala Cantt. in Haryana has also been initiated.

A programme for supply of basic operation equipment with a view to upgrading operational efficiency in six post /mail offices namely, Panipat Head Office, Rohtak Head Office, Gurgaon Head Office, Faridabad Head Office, Haryana Sorting and Ambala RMS is also being implemented in Haryana eirele in the current year

Telephone and post office facilities in Punjab

860. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Gram Panchayats in the country particularly in Punjab which have been granted facilities of telephone and post-offices;

(b) the time limit fixed to provide these facilities to all the Gram Panchayats in the country; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide such facilities in all the Gram Panchayats of the country? [jj

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):(a)

(0 *Telecom:*

Information regarding district-wise number of Gram Panchayats in the country including Punjab is being collected and will be laid on tlie Table of the House.

(ii) *Postal:*

The district-wise number of Gram Panchayats with post offices in the country including Punjab are given in annexure, *(See* Appendix 172, annexure No. 22.).

(b) and(c) *Telecom:*

Government have now adopted a policy of providing public telephone facility to all the villages of the country including Gram Panchayats progressively by March, 1997 subject to availability of resources.

(ii) *Postal:*

Government's objective is to progressively extend postal network to all Gram Panchayats which satisfy the prescribed norms, subject to availability of resources and allocation of target by the Planning Commission. As such no time frame can be indicated.

सचल (मोबाइल) सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन

861. श्री रामजीलाल : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कुछ महीने पहले सचल (मोबाइल) सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन देने की योजना की घोषणा की थी,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या इन टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए भी संसद सदस्यों का कोटा होगा;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार ने किन-किन कंपनियों की निविदाओं को स्वीकार किया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) चार महानगरों क्रमश: बम्बई, दिल्ली, कलकत्ता तथा मद्रास में सैल्यूलर सचल टेलीफोन सेवा के प्रचालन हेतु निविदाएं आमंत्रित की गई थीं। प्रत्येक शहर में दो-दो कम्पनियां अर्थात् आठ पंजीकृत भारतीय कम्पनियों को लाइसेंस दिये गए हैं। देश के शेष भागों में इस सेवा के प्रचालन हेतु पंजीकृत भारतीय कम्पनियों को फ्रेन्चाइज करने का निर्णय भी लिया गया है।

(ग) और (घ) चूंकि यह सेवा पंजीकृत भारतीय कम्पनियों द्वारा प्रदान की जाएगी । अत: सरकार का इन टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों में संसद सदस्यों का कोटा रखने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ङ) जिन कम्पनियों को चार महानगरों में सैल्यूलर सचल सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए लाइसेंस जारी किए गए हैं, उनकी सूची विवरण में दी गई है।